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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated 07/10/2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the Abstract as follows: